

## **OASIS Software Vendor Call**

Summary Notes on August 20, 2003 Teleconference

Thanks to all of you who participated in the call. We had over 120 lines for vendors and others who participated. CMS staff and contractors reviewed the changes expected for implementation for October 1, 2003, discussed version 1.40 data specifications, HAVEN 6.2, HHRG grouper 1.05, changes to M0230/M0240 and M0245, the revised Patient Roster revision, and Top10 Errors. Below is the information and websites that you requested during the call.

### **1. WEB Sites:**

**OASIS Home Page** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/>

**OASIS -B1(8/2000) and OASIS-B1(12/2002) data sets** - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/oasisdat.asp>

**HAVEN software download-**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/havensof.asp>

**Version 1.40 Data Specifications-**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/datasubm.asp>

**OASIS User's Manual** – Attachment to Chapter 8 – *Diagnosis Coding for M0230, M0240 and M0245-*

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/oasis/usermanu.asp>

**Home Health PPS Grouper -**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/hhapps/>

Look under Prospective Payment System Coding and Billing

[Home Health PPS Grouper Software and Documentation](#) (hhrg0105.zip zipped 1.1MB), effective October 1, 2003: Includes pseudocode and Readme file.

**ICD-9-CM Codes-**

CMS website - Updates to IDC-9-CM diagnosis codes in tables effective Oct. 2003.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp>

CDC web site -Contains new codes for FY 2004, scroll down to the What's New Section and click on "ICD-9-CM Addenda and Updated Guidelines"

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm>

### **2. Discussion Points and CMS Responses**

Q: If my software program is not upgraded by October 1, 2003 what will happen?

A. For any record with a completion date (M0090) of October 1, 2003 or later, the use of version 1.40 data submission specifications is required. If the data specifications used for submission do not meet this requirement the assessment will receive a fatal record error causing the record to be rejected and the data will not be stored in the state database.

It is also important to note home health agencies may use either the reduced burden OASIS-B1 (12/2002) or may continue to use the previous version developed for the Prospective Payment System OASIS-B1 (8/2000) for collection requirements, as long as the data submission requirements are met including changes to M0016, M0230, M0240, and the addition of M0245. Items not required will not be stored on the state database.

Q. Is there a grace period available until January 2004?

A. No, there is no grace period for meeting this requirement. All assessments completed on or after October 1, 2003 must meet the version 1.40 data submission specifications.

Q. Where do I put M0245 Payment Diagnosis (optional) on the UB-92?

A. There is no place for entering the diagnosis in M0245 on the UB-92.

Q. If an agency uses a V-code in M0230 and it replaces a Medicare case mix diagnosis, how will the PPS grouper function?

A. V-codes do not carry any points for the PPS grouper. If a V-code is placed in M0230 and it replaces a Medicare case-mix diagnosis, the grouper will look at the diagnosis in M0245 for scoring; in this case the diagnosis in M0230/ M0240 will not be used in the logic for calculating the HIPPS code. However, not all V-codes placed in M0230 will replace a Medicare case mix code. Primary and Secondary Home Health Diagnoses need to meet the following criteria:

(a) diagnoses must be compliant with ICD-9-CM coding guidelines, and

(b) diagnoses must continue to be determined according to official CMS policies developed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Medicare Program Manuals which dictate that the patient's primary diagnosis is based on the condition most related to the patient's current plan of care (see *Diagnosis Coding for M0230, M0240 and M0245-Attachment D to Chapter 8 of the "OASIS Implementation Manual"*).

Q. Where do I enter M0245 Payment Diagnosis (optional) on the CMS-485 or Plan of Treatment?

A. CMS no longer requires a specific form to document the Plan of Treatment for a patient, however M0245 is considered a "pertinent diagnosis" and is expected to be available on the agency Plan of Treatment, according to 42 CFR 484.18 (a) Acceptance of patients, plan of care, and medical supervision.

Q. When can software vendors test version 1.40 data specifications on the IFMC site?

A. The vendor server for the Fall 2003 release of OASIS is the Friday of the week the software is released to the states. Currently, the release is scheduled for September 22-26, 2003 while the vendor server is scheduled for updating on September 26, 2003.

HAVEN is scheduled to be released mid- September. It is possible for a vendor to download HAVEN and use the error-checking feature in HAVEN. In the Import Function, specify the file containing test

assessment(s) and select the Error Check button. This will not import the assessment(s) into HAVEN, but will provide the user with a list of warning and fatal errors for each assessment.

In order for this to be successful the user will need to change the date on their workstation to be 10/1/2003 or later (depending on completion date in their file - ex. M0090 date is 10/15/2003 - workstation must be 10/15/2003 or later).

It is necessary to caution vendors or users to avoid encoding actual production data while the date on their workstation is set ahead; only test data should be entered. Setting the date ahead may cause issues with lock date, etc. on the assessment and result in timing errors upon submission (fatal record errors and warning errors). The vendor or user must return the date on the workstation to the current date before encoding production assessments for submission to the State.

Q. What value should be in the HIPPS\_VERSION field of the OASIS submission record under the new version of the data specifications?

A. The HIPPS\_VERSION field is supposed to contain the version of the grouper that was used to compute the HIPPS code (which is reported in HIPPS\_CODE). The new version of the grouper is 1.05. Therefore, for assessments with completion dates on or after 10/1/2003, HIPPS\_VERSION should contain the value "01.05" (without the quotation marks).